

there were more important things in life than politics."

Mathews said Ramsay was also a very private person who seldom complained or talked about the difficulties he encountered in life.

He said that was true in the early 1980s when two traumatic events took place in a short period of time—the indictment of Williams, his boss, on corruption charges, and a life-threatening accident that put his son, Sean, in a coma for 47 days and later required a lengthy and difficult rehabilitation.

And it was true most recently when he was dying of cancer and chose not to burden his friends.

"He called last week for advice on where a friend should go in Alaska, but never said anything about his condition," said Mathews.

Ramsay died yesterday morning at Alexandria Hospital in Virginia. He had been under treatment as an outpatient at the National Cancer Institute.

Born in Jersey City and raised in Cranford, Ramsay graduated from Seton hall University and Seton Hall Law School. He was admitted to the New Jersey bar but chose journalism instead, first as a reporter for the Long Branch Daily Record and later with the Elizabeth Daily Journal.

Ramsay left Williams' office in later 1981 after the senator was convicted of the corruption charges but before the senator resigned and went to work as a lobbyist for the Engelhard Corp. and then as a consultant for the precious metals industry.

He is survived by his wife, Leslie Sorg Ramsay of Alexandria, Va.; his son, Sean of Arlington, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Frances Cokelet of Cranford; and a brother, William W. Ramsay of Trenton.

Funeral services will be private.

IN HONOR OF JAMES ARCHIE MCLEOD ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor James Archie McLeod on his retirement as Scoutmaster and leader.

James McLeod has dedicated his life to volunteering as a leader and Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America. His career as an adult leader in scouting began in 1958, while he served as Assistant Scoutmaster in Boy Scouts of America, [BSA] Troop 16, and later in BSA Troop 75. Since 1967, James McLeod has served as the main Scoutmaster of Troop 75 in Garden Grove, California.

Scoutmaster McLeod has given an overall total of more than 40 years of volunteer service to God, Country, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Over the past 40 years, Scoutmaster McLeod has guided over 1,000 boys to the rank of First Class Scout. He has also guided 80 exceptional boys in advanced leadership to attain the rank and honor of Eagle Scout.

Scoutmaster McLeod has been recognized by the Boy Scouts of America for his excellence as a Boy Scout, a Scoutmaster, and in Woodbadge—scouting's highest indoctrination of lifetime leadership.

Scoutmaster McLeod's honors include the Award of Merit from Garden Grove's El Capitan District and the Silver Beaver Award from

the BSA Orange County Council. He was also awarded the Scoutmasters Award of Merit from the Boy Scouts of America National Council. This was awarded for managing the largest, most active, and most successful scout troop in the city of Garden Grove, CA.

Scoutmaster McLeod has also helped to promote and provide the experience of scouting to the blind, the physically handicapped, and mentally challenged.

His legacy of leadership in scouting can be seen in the generations of his scouts that are serving as leaders in our community today. Throughout his great career as a Scoutmaster, James McLeod was never monetarily compensated for his time and efforts, but gave freely of his time and his life to scouting.

I would like my colleagues in Congress to join me in recognizing this very special individual, Scoutmaster James Archie McLeod, for his dedication and commitment to the Boy Scouts of America. Let us wish him many years of happiness and success in future endeavors upon his retirement from scouting.

CONGRATULATING CHARLES F. KNAPPER, MAYOR OF NOLENSVILLE, TN, FOR BEING CHOSEN AS AN OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADER IN THE AMERICAN HOMETOWN LEADERS AWARD PROGRAM

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Charles F. Knapper, mayor of Nolensville, TN, for being chosen as an outstanding community leader in the American Hometown Leaders Award Program.

This program is sponsored by the National Center for Small Communities [NCSC] and the Wal-Mart Foundation. The American Hometown Leaders Award Program recognizes elected officials who have provided exemplary leadership in their community. Mayor Knapper was nominated by fellow community residents who believe he has made a difference in his community, both as a leader and as a citizen.

Mayor Knapper has held many titles in the Nolensville community since moving there in 1988. He is a husband, father, church elder, and volunteer. He revitalized the Homeowners' Association of his neighborhood and as chairman of the Community Affairs Committee of the Association, he started an investigation on the feasibility of incorporating the town of Nolensville. Mayor Knapper worked with the Tennessee State Legislature and the Governor's Office in his efforts to attain incorporation. He devoted much of his time and efforts to raising the necessary funds to publicize the incorporation effort, holding community meetings and conducting petition drives. Nolensville was incorporated in 1996.

Mr. Knapper was elected as mayor on October 1, 1996, with 75 percent of the electorate's support. In one of his first acts, Mayor Knapper appointed seven committees of citizen volunteers. These committees have been extremely active and have worked to achieve Mayor Knapper's goal to make Nolensville "a great place to live."

Mayor Knapper has the respect and love of the community he serves. This is the true test

of a public servant. I commend him on his efforts and on his American Hometown Leaders Award, and I wish him the best of luck.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BETTY SHABAZZ

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Betty Shabazz was a remarkable woman. Her intrepid spirit and tireless efforts on behalf of her family and people of color made her a role model around the world. People from many races and nations drew strength from the courage she showed in the face of adversity.

I had the privilege of knowing Betty as a friend and colleague in the struggle for justice. Like many African-American mothers, she was a fighter and a survivor. After her husband's death, she found strength from within to overcome the tragedy and went on to raise six daughters while pursuing a professional career and serving the community. She set high goals for herself and worked diligently to achieve them.

After Malcolm X's death, Betty went back to school and earned three degrees, including a doctorate in education. She went on to teach at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, NY, and served as the school's director of communications and public relations. She also hosted a talk show on one of New York's major radio stations.

As a civil rights leader, Betty often spoke out against race and gender discrimination and on issues of importance to families around the world. She was actively involved in various political and social action groups including the NAACP, the National Political Congress of Black Women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Links.

Like many African-Americans, Betty was part of an extended family. At the time of her death, she was helping to raise her grandson, Malcolm Shabazz. As she had helped his mother and aunts to do, Betty attempted to help young Malcolm to thrive despite his father's absence. Unfortunately, her time with him was cut short by her untimely death.

Few of us have suffered the tragic loss that Betty Shabazz suffered when she lost her husband to an assassin's bullet. However, most of us know all too well the racism that killed him. The racial hatred that caused terror to the family that Betty and her daughters knew continues to destroy African-American families. It continues to deny blacks equal access to economic and employment opportunities, equal justice under the law, and equal representation in legislative bodies.

Betty Shabazz lived an honorable and exemplary life. She fought against racism and injustice for most of her life. Even when she could have retreated from the rest of the world without blame, she continued to fight. She fought harder for herself, her family, and her community. Her life was a tribute to all families, but to African-American families in particular.